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~~Boston, May 19, 1914.~~

~~My dear President Thomas,~~

Your letter of the 14th instant brought great joy. I am taking the liberty of writing directly to Governor Mead with reference to his gift, expressing appreciation and satisfaction. It is a noble gift. I want to congratulate you upon securing it. It is better in many respects, I think, than to go out with a personal appeal to the alumni and friends of the college.

I wish I could do more in helping start this \$500,000 addition to the assets of the college. This building, with the \$10,000 that you already have, makes a good start. I suppose you can expect one-fourth from the Education Fund, which will make about \$375,000 to raise.

I am planning to be at the commencement this summer.

Hastily but very faithfully yours,

James L. Barton